

FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedures (18 CFR 385.211, 385.214). Fifteen copies of such petitions and protests should be filed with the DOE on or before the date listed above. Comments on WESCO's request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-158. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Michael E. Small and Davis S. Berman, Wright & Talisman, P.C., 1200 G Street, NW, Suite 600, Washington, DC 20005. Comments on RG&E's request to export to Canada should be clearly marked with Docket EA-160. Additional copies are to be filed directly with Elizabeth W. Whittle, Nixon, Hargrave, Devans & Doyle LLP, Suite 700, One Thomas Circle, Washington, DC 20005-5802 and Gerard C. Walter, Director of Generation Marketing, Rochester Gas and Electric Corporation, 89 East Avenue, Rochester, NY 14649.

A final decision will be made on these applications after the environmental impacts have been evaluated pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), and a determination is made by the DOE that the proposed actions will not adversely impact on the reliability of the U.S. electric power supply system.

Copies of these applications will be made available, upon request, for public inspection and copying at the address provided above.

Issued in Washington, DC on October 16, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Solicitation for Financial Assistance for Cooperative Automotive Research for Advanced Technologies (CARAT) Program Solicitation No. DE-PS02-98EE50493

**AGENCY:** Chicago Operations Office, (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice inviting financial assistance applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE) invites applications for federal assistance for research on the Cooperative Automotive Research for Advanced Technologies (CARAT) Program. This program is a set aside for small businesses and higher education institutions. The CARAT Program is for research and development (R&D) in the following areas: vehicle systems,

advanced gas turbines, fuel cells, batteries flywheel energy storage, compression ignition direct injection (CIDI), and alternative fuels.

**DATES:** Applications are to be received no later than February 24, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Tanga Baylor, Acquisition and Assistance Group, Chicago Operations Office, 9800 South Cass Avenue, Argonne, Illinois 60439, Telephone No. (630) 252-2214, FAX No. (630) 252-5045, Internet—Tanga.Baylor@CH.DOE.Gov

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** There are 18 topics for which the DOE invites Financial Assistance Applications: Reduction of Thermal Load in Passenger Compartments; Reduction of Energy Consumption of Power Accessories; Low Cost, Compact, High Efficiency, Traction Motor for Electric Vehicles/Hybrid Electric Vehicles; Advanced Water-Gas Shift Catalysts; Fuel Processing for Fuel Cell Systems; Advanced Membranes and Membrane-Electrode Assemblies; Low Cost CO and Hydrogen Gas Sensors; Simulation of Fuel Cell Performance; Simple Particulate Emissions Measuring System; Variable Valve Timing Device for High Speed CIDI Engine; Measurement System for Mass Flow Rate of Oxygen and Hydrocarbons of an Engine Intake; Novel Fuel Injection System with Flexible Rate Control; Novel, Improved Desulfurization Process for Diesel Fuel; Device for Monitoring Natural Gas Vehicle (NGV) Storage Cylinders; Computer Model for Simulation of Battery Systems; Development of Novel Battery System(s); Light Weight, Low Cost, Flywheel Containment System; Improved or Alternative concept for Advanced Electrochemical Capacitor.

The solicitation will be available on the INTERNET to view and download at <http://www.ch.doe.gov/business/ACQ.htm> (It is critical that ACQ be in uppercase and all others are lower case). A limited number of printed copies will be available at the Customers' Coordination Meeting (CCM) the week of October 27, 1997 in Detroit, Michigan, otherwise printed copies will not be available from this office, copies must be downloaded from the INTERNET. For information on the CCM meeting contact: Conference Management Associates, Inc. 1401 Spring Lake Drive, Haymarket, VA 20169-1008, FAX (703) 754-4261.

Issued in Chicago, Illinois on September 26, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**SUMMARY:** Consistent with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following advisory committee meeting:

**NAME:** Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Electric System Reliability Task Force.

**DATES AND TIMES:** Thursday, November 6, 1997, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** ANA Hotel, Ballroom I, 2401 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20037.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard C. Burrow, Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (AB-1), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-1709 or (202) 586-6279 (fax).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The electric power industry is in the midst of a complex transition to competition, which will induce many far-reaching changes in the structure of the industry and the institutions which regulate it. This transition raises many reliability issues, as new entities emerge in the power markets and as generation becomes less integrated with transmission.

##### Purpose of the Task Force

The purpose of the Electric System Reliability Task Force is to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board regarding the critical institutional, technical, and policy issues that need to be addressed in order to maintain the reliability of the nation's bulk electric system in the context of a more competitive industry.

##### Tentative Agenda

*Thursday, November 6, 1997*

8:30–8:45 AM Opening Remarks & Objectives—Philip Sharp, ESR Task Force Chairman.

8:45–9:45 AM Briefing: Reliability Council Progress in Addressing Key